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1. LA MANANA MORNING FEBRUARY 24 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE

HEADLINE: "U.S. IS NOW TRYING TO CONDITION ITS

AID TO THE IMF." ACCORDING TO LA MANANA ARTICLE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEBRUARY 23 PASSED A HARKIN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND LEGISLATION TYING U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WITTEVEEN FACILITY TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS. ARTICLE IS NATURALLY HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THIS REPORTED ACTION DENOUNCING IT AS UNJUSTIFIED INTERFERENCE WHICH WILL HAVE GRAVE IMPLICATIONS.

2. WE ASSUME LA MANANA REPORT MAY BE REFERRING TO SOMETHING OTHER THAN FINAL HOUSE PASSAGE OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CLARIFYING FOR US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE WE ARE WITHHOLDING APPROACH ON IMF SALARIES ISSUE UNTIL WE ARE IN A POSITION TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO GOU OFFICIALS ON THIS QUESTION WHICH THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE.

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